

Advisory Board of Health

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

6:00 PM

Public Health Building

1900 West Old Shakopee Road

Present

Members:

Cindy McKenzie, Satbir Brar, David Drummond, Corinne Ellingham, Joshua Korthouse, Joe Lawless, Patrick Martin

Staff Advisor:

Bonnie Paulsen, Public Health Administrator

Staff:

Nick Kelley, Asst. Public Health Administrator
Lynn Moore, Environmental Health Manager
Molly Snuggerud, Family Health Manager
Nancy Tadros, Office Support Specialist
Elizabeth Tolzmann, Assistant City Manager

Guests:

Lisa Horn, CEO, VEAP
Scott Hvizdos, Program Director, VEAP

Public:

None

Absent

None

Call to Order

McKenzie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Introduction of
Elizabeth Tolzmann,
Assistant City
Manager**

Elizabeth Tolzmann, Bloomington's new Assistant City Manager, attended the meeting to introduce herself to the Board, meet its Members and thank them for their service. Tolzmann also shared information on her role, focus areas (including the City's 2018 Comprehensive Plan) and timeline.

Approval of Minutes

M/Martin, S/Lawless, and all voting aye to approve the meeting minutes of February 23, 2016.

Approval of Agenda

M/Martin, S/Ellingham, and all voting aye to approve the April 26, 2016 meeting agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

**VEAP: Services and
Partnership with
Bloomington Public
Health**

Lisa Horn, VEAP CEO and Scott Hvizdos, VEAP Program Director provided information to the Board regarding VEAP's (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People) services and collaborations with Bloomington Public Health (BPH).

In the last 20+ years, VEAP's service area has seen an increase in the number of residents living in poverty, which has affected VEAP's work in keeping up with residents' needs. VEAP's programs offer access to healthy foods, transportation, social services and children/youth resources. Some projects on which BPH and VEAP have collaborated include collecting client feedback on nutrition and kitchen equipment (via surveys), developing VEAP's Healthy Food Policy, opening the Nutrition Education and Teaching (NEAT) Kitchen and receiving donations of locally-grown produce ("Garden Gleaning"). The partnership between BPH and VEAP will continue to focus on nutrition, connecting clients to additional support, and reducing barriers clients may encounter.

Lawless expressed an interest in having Joan Bulfer, Health Specialist at BPH, provide the Board with some information at a subsequent meeting regarding VEAP's strategic plan and how the Board can play a role.

**Approve Ordinance
Amending City Code:
Water Well Testing
and Tanning
Facilities**

Lynn Moore, Environmental Health Manager, sought the Board's recommendation on a proposed ordinance to amend Chapters 11 and 14 of the City Code. It is anticipated that the proposed ordinance will be brought before the City Council for approval on May 16, 2016.

After some discussion, the Board requested Section 14.373 (d)(1) be rewritten to address the matter of warnings with prescription medication while still maintaining adherence to privacy laws. The change will be made to require tanning facilities to verbally review warning information with clients, thereby avoiding maintenance of any private information. The language change will be provided to the Board shortly after the meeting to confirm the Board's approval of the edit.

Moore also pointed out that sections of the City Code being discussed (i.e. requiring tanning facilities have an in-person operator on site at all times, etc.) are stricter than State requirements. The Board agreed that that language should remain.

M/Lawless, S/Drummond, and all voting aye to approve recommendation to Council that it approve said proposed ordinance amending City Code (including the change requested above).

**Environmental
Health Update**

Moore provided the Board with an overview of services provided by the Environmental Health Division (EH). EH provides inspection and licensing services in Bloomington and Richfield in regards to food service, lodging, pools, wells, etc. With the Mall of America and the large number of lodging establishments located in the area, EH has issued 500+ licenses and completes routine inspections and follow-ups for all of these licensed (food, lodging, etc.) establishments – meaning it is not uncommon for a single place to be inspected several times a year (more if a complaint or outbreak occurs). Finally, EH offers programs for food collaborations; industry relations; public pools; lodging; smoke-free complaint investigation; tanning, body art and therapeutic massage licensing; radon education; water monitoring of Bush Lake Beach, etc.

**The Aging
Population**

Molly Snuggerud, Family Health Manager, spoke on the aging population. Snuggerud shared state and local statistics and projections, as well as resulting necessities based on this data. The poverty and/or social connectedness levels of some residents within this population is also of concern. While funding is lacking, increasing community awareness in order to become a more "aging-friendly society" would help with barriers faced by this population. Finally, BPH works locally to connect residents with necessary resources.

Accreditation Update Kelley noted that an email will go out when the schedule with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation specialist is finalized, as Member(s) of the Board may be interviewed as part of the accreditation site visit on June 2 – 3, 2016.

Public Health Administrator Update Paulsen provided the Board with BPH staffing updates: Margaret Perez accepted the part-time Health Specialist position and started on Mar. 19, 2016; Cindy Jean-Baptiste accepted the full-time Health Planner/Accreditation Coordinator position and began on Feb. 29, 2016. Paulsen also wanted to confirm whether the Board was receiving the BPH Program Updates sent out by email. Finally, with the new Sage contract in effect, Sage screening services will be offered at BPH in the near future.

ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH REPORTS AND PLANNING

Chair's Report McKenzie shared a recap of the Public Health Week Proclamation presentation at Council on April 4, 2016. Mayor Winstead presented the Proclamation and McKenzie and Paulsen accepted it on behalf of BPH. Public Health Week was April 4 – 10, 2016.

Tri-City Partners Report McKenzie noted that she has not attended a meeting recently, nor will she be able to continue representing the Board at these meetings. The TCP meetings are usually held one Tuesday per month around noon. More information will be sent out to the Board before May's meeting so that a new Board representative can be elected at that time.

Community Center Task Force Report Korthouse noted that the Task Force has now been assembled. Their first meeting was on April 4th but Korthouse was not able to attend that meeting. The next meeting is May 3rd but since Korthouse will be out of town during that time, McKenzie will plan to attend on behalf of the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting May 24, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Public Health Building, 1900 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431

Adjournment M/Martin, S/Lawless, and all voting aye to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.